

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2009

Members Present

George Zukotynski

Jesse Neely

Karen Eddy DOHR

Thomas Dowdy

Members Absent

Kandi Thomas

Melinda Williams

Brian Senacal

Mac Purdy

Members Present Via Conference Line

Jamie Kilpatrick

Lamont Price

Danielle Barnes

Call to Order

Chairman George Zukotynski called the May 7, 2009 Steering Committee Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Review of March 12 Meeting Minutes

Move to amend spelling and punctuation. Minutes approved as amended

Officers and Committee Reports

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer: No Report

TGMI/TGEI Fall Conference: Karen indicated that DOHR does not have the capacity available to produce a Fall Conference, but there is the possibility of some activity in January / February 2010 for a Winter conference / leadership program. George will lead a discussion on the topic in June, but there is no project leader yet.

Golf Tournament: Jesse Neely has volunteered to take lead on this project.

Holiday Breakfast: No Report

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Community Service Project:	No report presented. Lamont acknowledged that Melinda had contacted him, but there is no decision on the direction of the project. Lamont will contact Melinda before the next meeting.
Alumni Picnic:	Brain was not present, but George indicated that there had been little support shown among the alumni contacted for the picnic.
Leadership lunch:	No report. Discussion deferred to June. Jamie will contact Mac before the next meeting.
Award:	No report. George is taking lead in the project

Old Business

TGI Directory

We need to move forward with a recommendation on the Directory. The issues brought out in previous meetings remain: Question of using social security number to use directory and whether or not the Alumni Directory is used or needed. Maintenance and resources to maintain directory and keep it current usage appears to be low. Continue to gather information informally from other TGEI graduates about need and use of directory.

New Business

Karen advised that the material relating to the new TGEI class will be available on the web by May 14th. The TGEI orientation will be held on September 1, 2009 at the TBI facility. The TGEI alumni have been allocated 15 (11:15 – 11:30) minutes for a presentation. The intent in allowing this presentation is to demonstrate the continuous nature of the TGEI experience and establish a reference point for the new members to the Alumni organization. George has appointed Kandi as the lead for this presentation; Thomas volunteered to assist. The format and content of the presentation has not been set. There are 34 people scheduled to attend TGEI. Their managers have been invited to attend the orientation, too.

The Alumni have also been presented with the opportunity to “host” some evenings at the two state parks during TGEI. Three out of four evening (and possibly a lunch) are available to build interest in and value to the alumni organization. We are not obligated to host any of the evenings. Jamie and Danielle have volunteered to look at opportunities during the second week of the experience (Oct. 26-29), Because of the distance to the sites (week 1 - Natchez Trace; Week 2 – Montgomery Bell), food and lodging may be

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provided to alumni hosting the evening, if available and necessary. Options will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting is set for June 4, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Andrew Jackson Building, 15th Floor. The conference line will be available for our next meeting. The conference line telephone numbers are 532-5082 (local) and 1-866-947-6428 (long distance).

List of topics and reports for June meeting:

- Community Service Project
- Leadership Lunch
- TGEI Directory
- TGEI Hosting
- TGEI Orientation